

TOURING IN U.S. FOR VACATIONS IS MAINTAINED

Visiting of National Parks
Little Diminished by
the War.

That the entrance of the United States into the war will not affect the vacation tourist, and that the country's national parks and scenic points will be as well patronized this year as they have been during each of the last two years, is the opinion of Secretary of the Interior Lane.

Secretary Lane also declares that it is even more important now than in times of peace that the health and vitality of the nation's citizenship be conserved, and that rest and recreation must materially assist in this conservation of human tissue and energy.

Auto Rediscovers America. America is being rediscovered with the automobile, and American people realize that vacations are necessary to enable them to maintain their increased business and patriotic activities. With the curtailed transportation facilities, the uncertainty of railroad schedules, combined with a clear understanding of the health benefits of driving in the open, and with the desire to make their vacations as economical as possible, there is not a doubt, but that the 1918 vacation season will be one of the greatest automobile touring years in the history of the industry.

I understand that inquiries and reports received by the travel bureau of automobile clubs in prac-

tically every section of the country indicate a record-breaking crop of tourists for this summer and early autumn.

Sweethearts of Civil War Days Are Wedded

Des Moines, Ia.—A romance of civil war days, renewed during the recent G. A. R. encampment here, culminated in the marriage of L. R. Thompson, 72, of Cartersville, Iowa, and Mrs. Esmeralda Bishop, 69, an old sweetheart. The couple had been engaged before the civil war, but the call to the colors prevented the wedding.